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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
POLICY (CSTP): COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON RENEWAL OF CSTP
MANDATE, C(76)189 AND ANNEXES I AND II

REF: OECD PARIS 30080, PARA 4.

1. SUMMARY: MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED SECRETARY-
GENERAL'S PROPOSAL FOR A FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE
CSTP MANDATE. PARAS 1-3 OF COVER NOTE ARE HISTORICAL.
PARAS 4-7 OF THE COVER NOTE ARE RELEVANT TO MEMBER-
COUNTRY POSITIONS, AND ARE REPRODUCED BELOW, TOGETHER
WITH ANNEX I (DRAFT COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON RENEWAL OF
CSTP MANDATE), AND ANNEX II (PRESENT CSTP MANDATE).
END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF SEC GEN'S COVER NOTE, PARAS 4-7. "4. THE
EXISTING MANDATE HAS PERMITTED THE COMMITTEE TO
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RESPOND TO THE CHANGES IN EMPHASIS AND DIRECTION

AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON 25TH JUNE, 1975. THE MINISTERS EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO EXAMINE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN POLICY MAKING, TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM PROBLEMS, TO FACILITATE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND PARTICIPATION IN TECHNOLOGICAL DECISION-MAKING, AND TO DEVELOP A BROADER PERSPECTIVE IN THE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

PARA 5. THEREFORE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PRESENT MANDATE PROVIDES ADEQUATE GUIDANCE IN DEFINING THE OBJECTIVES AND BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, AND HAS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMMODATE NEW PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES POSED BY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BELIEVES THAT THE CHANGES NEEDED TO UPDATE THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION WOULD APPEAR TO BE MINIMAL, AND THE ATTACHED DRAFT RESOLUTION CONFORMS TO THE VIEW. THE WORDING OF THE EXISTING MANDATE (WHICH IS CIRCULATED FOR REFERENCE AS ANNEX II) IS RETAINED, WHEREAS THE PREAMBLE HAS BEEN REVISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GENERAL ORIENTATIONS GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION BY THE LAST TWO MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND THE 1975 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. PARA 6. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WISHES TO DRAW A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS WORK PROGRAM. WHEREAS THE FORMER SHOULD SERVE TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE OVER A FIVE-YEAR SPAN, THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAM IN THE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL PROVIDES AN ADEQUATE MEANS FOR THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. PARA 7. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INVITES THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT ENTRY IN ITS MINUTES: 'THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ANNEX I TO C(76)189.'

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3. TEXT OF ANNEX I (DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RENEWAL OF CSTP MANDATE): "THE COUNCIL, HAVING REGARD TO ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE CONVENTION OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF 14TH DECEMBER, 1960; PARA 2. HAVING REGARD TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF 3RD FEBRUARY, 1972 ON THE CREATION AND MANDATE OF A COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY C(72)6 (FINAL); PARA 3 HAVING

REGARD TO THE ORIENTATION GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION AT
THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON
27TH AND 28TH MAY, 1975 AND 21ST AND 22ND JUNE, 1976;
PARA 4 HAVING REGARD TO THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT THE

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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON 24TH AND 25TH JUNE, 1975, AND TO THE GROWING IMPORTANCE TO OECD COUNTRIES OF THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS, THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE BOTH IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF NEW TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS; PARA 5 HAVING REGARD TO THE NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE DEFINITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS; PARA 6 HAVING REGARD TO THE CONTINUING NEED FOR

A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM WITHIN THE OECD WHEREBY
EMERGING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS OF A
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NATURE CAN BE EXAMINED
BY MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL WHERE
DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE
ADOPTED; PARA 7 HAVING REGARD TO THE NOTE BY THE
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SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE REVIEW OF THE MANDATE FOR THE
COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY
C(76)189; PARA 8 DECIDES: THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY, IS HEREBY
EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AS FROM
3RD FEBRUARY, 1977."

4. TEXT OF ANNEX II (PRESENT CSTP MANDATE) QUOTE: "1
A COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY IS
HEREBY ESTABLISHED WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ENCOURAGING CO-OPERATION AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE
FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICIES, WITH
A VIEW TO CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THEIR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AIMS. 2. THE COMMITTEE FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY SHALL IN PARTI-
CULAR BE RESPONSIBLE FOR: A) PROMOTING THE EXCHANGE
AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES OF EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION
CONCERNING POLICIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND
FACILITATING THE DEFINITION OF SUCH POLICIES; B) PRO-
POSING MEANS FOR THE MORE EFFECTIVE CO-ORDINATION OF
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING, WHERE
APPROPRIATE, FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT
RESEARCH PROGRAMS; C) CALLING THE ATTENTION OF MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS TO THE AREAS IN WHICH EFFORTS FOR INNO-
VATION OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, PARTICULARLY WITH A VIEW
TO MEETING NEW NEEDS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AND IN
THE LIGHT OF THE APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTION OF THE
SOCIAL SCIENCES; D) CALLING ALSO THE ATTENTION OF
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO THE FORESEEABLE DEVELOPMENTS OF
TECHNOLOGY AND THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
CONSEQUENCES; E) EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION AND OF THE COMPUTER
SCIENCES, IN THE LIGHT OF THE INCREASING INTERACTION
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